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Date : 20.8.1948

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Paul Joosten

Nürnberg 20.8.48

PAUL A. JOOSTEN

General Secretary
International Military
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TRANSLATION OF DOCUMENT No. PS-1015
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The Reich Minister
for the Occupied Eastern Territories
No. 96/42/R

Berlin W 35, 20 August 1941
Tauchstr. 17/18
Tel.: 21 9515 and 39 5046
Telegram address: Reichs-
ministerost

To the
Reichskommissar Ostland

Kovno

Subject: Seizing of Cultural Property in the Occupied Eastern Territories.

As you know, a staff assigned by me in my capacity as delegate of the Fuehrer for the supervision of the entire spiritual and ideological indoctrination and training of the NSDAP, has carried out the seizing of cultural property which may be valuable for future National Socialist research in the entire Western territory and recently also in the entire Balkans. As I told you orally, I will have the same assignment staff (Einsatzstab) go into action in the Occupied Eastern Territories and I herewith commission you to seize all cultural property within your Reich Commissariat, which is suitable for exploring the activities of the adversaries of National Socialism and for National Socialist research. As hitherto, I have charged Reichshauptstellenleiter (leader of the Reich Central Office) UTIKAL with the direction of the assignment staff; the latter is immediately subordinate to my ministry and has been given detailed instructions by me. He is at your disposal for the carrying out of this task. In the execution of the task it will be expedient to maintain the policy hitherto adopted, i. e. that the police makes the desired confiscations and that then my assignment staff sifts the material on hand. I enclose the corresponding orders for the West. Will you please expressly forbid the removal of any cultural property by any person from your Reichskommissariat without your approval. It will be subject to a later regulation, how much of the seized cultural property will remain in the Reichskommissariat Ostland and how much may possibly

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be used for research work of the Research Institute (Hohe Schule). Please instruct the below listed general and regional commissars of this directive. State administration of museums, libraries, etc. will remain untouched by this directive notwithstanding the right of the assignment staff to inspect and make an inventory of the material on hand.

Heil Hitler !

signed: A. ROSENBERG

Certified true copy

(Langkopf), Berlin, 12 November 1941

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The Reich Minister and Chief
of the Reich Chancellory

Berlin W 8, 5 July 1942
Voss Str. 6

Rk. 9495 B

Please quote this sign in any further correspondence

at present Fuehrer Headquarters Mail is to be addressed exclusively to the Berlin address

To
the Supreme Reich Authorities
and
the Offices under the immediate command of the Fuehrer

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The Fuehrer has entrusted Reichsleiter ROSENBERG in his capacity as the Fuehrer's delegate for the supervison of the entire spiritual and ideological indoctrination and training of the NSDAP, with the intellectual struggle against the Jews and Freemasons as well as their allied ideological adversaries of National Socialism as the originators of the present war. For this purpose the Fuehrer has ordered that the assignment staff of Reichsleiter ROSENBERG shall have the right to search libraries, archives, lodges and other ideological and cultural institutes in the Occupied Territories under military administration and in the Occupied Eastern Territories under civilian administration (not including the Government General) for material suitable for the execution of his task and to ask the competent Wehrmacht and police authorities to requisition the material thus found for the execution of the ideological tasks of the NSDAP and for the later scientific research works of the Research Institute (Hohe Schule), in which process the files pertaining to police and political matters will remain with the police, whilst all the rest will be handed over to the assignment staff of the Reichsleiter ROSENBERG. The assignment staff shall be entitled to make the same request with regard to cultural goods which are the property or possession of Jews, which are without owner or the owner of which cannot be established with certainty. The implementation regulations with regard to the collaboration with the Wehrmacht will be issued by the chief of the Supreme Command of the Wehrmacht in agreement with Reichsleiter ROSENBERG. The necessary measures within the Eastern Territories under German administration will be taken by Reichsleiter ROSENBERG in his capacity as Reichsminister

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for the Occupied Eastern Territories.

I inform you of this instruction of the Fuehrer and request that you support Reichsleiter ROSENBERG in the fulfillment of his task.

Signature

Dr. LAMMERS

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Supreme Command of the Wehrmacht
File Number 2 f 28 J (Ia)

No. 1833/40 secret

Berlin W 35, 30 October 1940
Tirpitzufer 72 - 76
Telephone: Local: 218191
long-distance call: 218191

To the
Commanding General of the Wehrmacht
in the Netherlands.

In supplementation of the Fuehrer's order to Reichsleiter ROSENBERG, communicated to the Adjutant Chief OKW on 5 July 1940 with file number 2850/40 secret, to search lodges, libraries and archives in the Occupied Territories for material valuable to (illegible) and to seize this material (two words illegible) the Fuehrer has determined:

The status of ownership will be decided by conditions before the war, in France before the declaration of war on 1 September 1939,

Transfers of property to the French state etc. carried out after this deadline are null and void (for example: Polish and Slovak libraries in Paris, inventory of the Palais ROTHSCHILD and other Jewish property without owner). No reservations with regard to the searching, confiscating and shipping to Germany will be recognized on the basis of such objections.

Reichsleiter ROSENBERG, resp. his delegate, Reichshauptstellenleiter PAVET has got unequivocal personal instructions of the Fuehrer with regard to the right of seizure; he is empowered to ship to Germany cultural property which he deems valuable and to safeguard it there. The Fuehrer has reserved for himself the decision as to its use.

Please instruct the relevant offices accordingly.

The Chief of the Supreme Command
of the Wehrmacht

By Order

signed: KEITEL

Information copy to:
Adjutant of Reichsleiter ROSENBERG for taking notice
Reference number 2606/Ia.

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23 March 1948

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Hildegard L. FILTEL
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DES GRANDS CRIMINELS DE GUERRE

Délégation française au Ministère
Public - Section économique

L.D. Art..... Document :.....

ORDONNANCE DU FUHRER

du 1er Mars 1942

Traduction du document
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Les destinataires de l'ordonnance sont indiqués :

- A tous les services de l'Armée
  du Parti
  de l'Etat.

INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL
NURNBERG, GERMANY
Exhibit RF 1336
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ORDONNANCE DU FUHRER

Juifs, Franc-Maçons et leurs alliés qui sont adversaires des idées nationales-socialistes; sont les auteurs de la guerre actuelle dirigée contre le Reich. La lutte méthodique contre ces puissances sur le terrain des idées est une tâche de guerre indispensable.

J'ai donc chargé le Reichsleiter Alfred Rosenberg d'accomplir cette tâche, d'entente avec le chef du Haut Commandement de l'Armée. Son état-major pour les territoires occupés a le droit de perquisition dans les bibliothèques, loges et toutes autres institutions philosophiques et culturelles de toutes sortes pour y rechercher des documents adéquats et les faire saisir pour les tâches doctrinales du parti national-socialiste et pour les travaux scientifiques ultérieurs de recherches des écoles supérieures. La même règlementation s'applique aux biens culturels qui sont la propriété de juifs ou en leur possession, ou qui sont sans maitres ou bien dont la provenance ne peut être irréfutablement éclaircie. Les dispositions d'exécution concernant la coopération avec l'Armée seront prescrites par le Chef du Haut Commandement de l'Armée d'entente avec le Reichleiter Rosenberg.

Les mesures nécessaires à l'intérieur des territoires de l'est placés sous l'administration allemande seront prises par le Reichsleiter Rosenberg en sa qualité de ministre du Reich pour les territoires occupés de l'est.

Quartier Général du Fuhrer le Ier Mars 1942.

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FOR THE PROSECUTION OF AXIS CRIMINALITY

doc.no1015-PS Date 26 September 19

STAFF EVIDENCE ANALYSIS

DESCRIPTION OF ATTACHED DOCUMENT (Under following headings).

Title and Nature: Folder containing a number of documents pertaining to the seizure of Art treasures in occupied territories.

Date: 20 May 1944 Original (x) Copy ( ) Language: German

LOCATION OF ORIGINAL (also WITNESS if applicable) as of 26 Sep 45:

OCC Files, Nurnberg

SOURCE OF ORIGINAL: G-5, 7th Army

PERSONS IMPLICATED: BORMANN, Martin; GOERING, Hermann; HITLER, Adolf; KEITEL, Wilhelm; LAMMERS, Hans Heinrich; ROSENBERG, Alfred.

REFERENCES TO INDEX HEADINGS (Key to Par. nos. of Summary below):

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NECESSARY PROCESSING TO PUT IN EVIDENTIARY FORM; LEADS: None

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Analyst: Lt. Buchsbaum

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